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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AFRICA.

#### *Report from Cape Colony—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

The medical officer of health for the Colony reports, March 12, as follows:

Week ended March 10, 1906:

The last plague infection in the Colony was discovered at Port Elizabeth, in man, on November 18, 1905, the case being discharged on December 29, 1905, and in rodents on January 22, 1906.

In the event of no further infection occurring the issue of these reports will be hereafter discontinued.

### AUSTRALIA.

#### *Report from Melbourne—Plague in Queensland and Western Australia—Destruction of rats.*

The following is received from Consul-General Bray:

The department of public health at Perth reports, February 17 and 24, and March 3, that the total number of plague cases since the outbreak is as follows: Perth, 5; Fremantle, 6; Geraldton, 7. There were 5 deaths from plague, all of which occurred at Geraldton. Each of these cases was confirmed by bacteriological examination. At Perth 120 rodents were examined for plague infection, of which 5 were found to be infected. At Fremantle and Geraldton no infection in rodents was found. The Government of Queensland reports that a case of plague occurred at Brisbane on March 10.

### BRAZIL.

#### *Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, small-pox, and yellow fever, decreased prevalence—Plague at Bahia and São Paulo and in Argentina and Paraguay.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, March 15, 23, and 29, and April 2, as follows:

Three weeks ended March 11:

During this period vessels left this port for United States ports, were inspected by me, and received bills of health from this consulate-general as follows: On February 23 the steamship *Irene*, for Pensacola, in water ballast, no passengers, no change in the crew personnel; on

the same date, the German steamship *Wotan*, for New York, no passengers, no change in the crew; on February 26 the British steamship *Terence*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew; on February 28 the British steamship *Lesreaulx*, for Galveston, no passengers, and no change in the crew, and in water ballast; on the 3d instant the British steamship *Ottringham*, for Ship Island, Miss., in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew; on the 7th instant the British steamship *Tennyson*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 24 first-class and 111 third-class passengers from this port and the River Plate (these passengers were transferred on to the *Tennyson* from the French steamship bringing them from the Plate without coming ashore) and with 6 new members of the crew taken on in this port; on the 8th instant the British steamship *Lustleigh*, for Port Eads, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the 9th instant the British steamship *Crown Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; and on the same date the British steamship *Runswick*, for Pensacola, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew while here.

*Plague in São Paulo.*

Week ended February 11, 1906: One death from bubonic plague.

Week ended February 18, 1906: One death from bubonic plague.

*Mortality in Rio de Janeiro, three weeks ended March 11, 1906.*

Week ended February 25, 1906: Total deaths, 257. Yellow fever, 3 cases reported, only 1 confirmed, and the other 2 placed under observation. Deaths from this cause, 2. Variola, 1 case and 2 deaths. Bubonic plague, 3 cases and 1 death. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 1 case of yellow fever, 11 cases of variola, 3 cases of plague, and 23 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Week ended March 4, 1906: Total deaths, 257. Yellow fever, 5 cases reported, of which 4 were confirmed and the remaining case placed under observation. One death from this cause; variola, 1 death, no cases reported; plague, 3 deaths, 5 cases reported. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 3 cases of yellow fever, 9 cases of variola, 3 cases of plague, and 19 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Week ended March 11, 1906: Total deaths, 303. Yellow fever, 2 cases and 2 deaths; variola, 1 new case, no deaths; plague 1 case and 1 death. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 1 case of yellow fever, 6 cases of variola, 2 cases of plague, and 21 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Yellow fever was reported during the past week at the city of Campos in the State of Rio de Janeiro. No figures have been given.

A few cases of bubonic plague are reported daily from Bahia, but neither in this case are any accurate figures published.

Week ended March 18:

During this week vessels were inspected by myself and received bills of health from this consulate general as follows: On the 12th instant, the British steamship *Fortuna*, for New York, with a cargo of